

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED:**

1. A portable post support comprising a body of a certain height, said body having a bottom adapted to be supported on a generally horizontal support surface and a chamber opening upwardly from said body for receiving and retaining flowable ballast material into said body chamber, said body having a body top portion extending across the opening of said chamber of said body and having a vertical central support conduit adapted for supporting a post there through toward said body bottom, a body top cover, means for securing said body top cover to said body top portion, post securing means on said body bottom within said body chamber for securing a post to said body bottom, said body top portion having a separate opening means spaced from said central opening thereof to allow the flowable ballast material to be passed there through into the chamber of said body, whereby when the flowable ballast material is placed in said body chamber said body will tend to support a post positioned within said body and secured to said bottom of said body.

2. The portable post support as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body has a side portion between said body bottom and said body top portion inclined inwardly toward said body top portion whereby a force applied to said inclined body side will have a downwardly directed component of force

on said body toward the horizontal support surface to tend to increase the support effect of said bottom against the support surface.

3. The portable post support as defined in Claim 2 wherein said body side portion is flexible to tend to yield to force applied to said side portion and against the flowable mass of flowable material in said body.

4. The portable post support as defined in Claim 1 wherein said body cover has an under surface adapted to rest on said body top portion for covering said body top portion when placed thereon, said cover having a central opening there through to receive a post there through, and securing means in said body cover and said body top portion for securing said body cover to said body top portion.

5. The portable post support as defined in Claim 2 having a body cover having an opening there through to receive a post there through, and securing means in said body top cover and said body top portion for securing said body cover to said body top portion.

6. The portable post support as defined in Claim 3 wherein said body top cover is provided with a central opening there through to

receive said post there through, and securing means in said body cover and said body top portion for securing said body cover to said body top portion.

7. The portable post support as defined in Claim 4 wherein said securing means in said body top cover and said body top portion for securing said body cover to said body top portion comprises a cam edge on said body top portion within said top opening, a cam surface inclined toward said body bottom, an aperture adapted to receive a certain protrusion, a restraining projection extending at an acute angle from said body cover under surface, a protrusion extending from said cover under surface toward said restraining projection, said restraining projection having an upper surface facing said cover under surface and said protrusion, said protrusion being adapted to engage and detent into said cam edge opening when said body cover is placed on said body top portion and rotated about said top portion support opening to move said protrusion toward said inclined cam edge between said restraining projection and said cover protrusion forcing said cover protrusion into said incline aperture whereby said cover will be restrained on said body top portion to secure said body cover to said body top portion for retaining said cover on said body.

8. The portable post support as defined in Claim 1 wherein a post to be supported is tubular and said post securing means on said body bottom comprises an embossment extending upwardly from said body bottom and adapted to receive a portion of such tubular post thereover whereby such post is supported vertically on said bottom and is thereby secured from lateral movement on said body bottom.

9. The portable post support as defined in Claim 7 wherein said post securing means on said body bottom comprises an opening in said body bottom adapted to receive a post there through whereby such post is secured from lateral movement with respect to said body bottom.